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Attorney Docket No. 136.1001.04

First Inventor or Application Identifier Regula, Jack

Title Method and Apparatus For Fault Tolerant, Software Transparent
And High Data Integrity To A Backplane Bus Or Interconnect

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Regula, Jack

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Method And Apparatus For Fault Tolerant, Software transparent And High Data Integrity

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Extension To A Backplane Or Bus Interconnect , filed on behalf of Sebring Systems, Inc., assignee from inventor Jack Regula, including 86 pages of specification, 29 pages of claims, 1 page of Abstract, and 27 sheets of drawing figures. Copies of the Declaration, Power of Attorney and Assignment from the parent application are also submitted herewith.

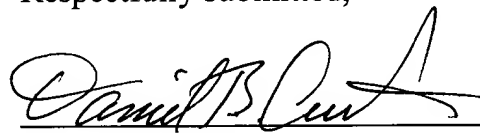
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A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (see enclosed) was filed in the parent case. The assignee/owner is still entitled to small entity status

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